



“You are the light of the world, let your light shine.”

Child Protection statement

Whaddon C of E School 2025-2026

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Next review date: September 2026

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Whaddon C of E School fully recognises its responsibilities for Child Protection.

This Child Protection Statement provides an overview of the school's position and should be read in conjunction with the school's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policies. Full copies of both policies are available upon request from the school office and are also available to download from the safeguarding page of the school website.

The Designated Child Protection person is the Headteacher Mrs Sarah Prior. The Deputy Designated Safeguarding lead is Mrs Marchant. The Designated Child Protection Governor is Mrs Kim Clarke. All of the aforementioned have received appropriate and up-to-date training for this role.

The safety and welfare of our pupils is the school's paramount concern. As a school community, we do all we can to promote the welfare of pupils and ensure that children are protected from harm; within the school, outside of school and online.

To that end we are committed to:

- Establishing and maintaining an ethos where children feel safe, secure, valued and respected
- Creating a climate where children feel confident to know who they can talk openly with and that they are always listened to and their concerns taken seriously
- Ensure that all children are aware that there are adults in the school that they can approach, if they are worried or are in difficulty, and signpost them to the information as to who these adults are
- Including opportunities through the PSHCE and wider curriculum and collective worship times for children to develop the skills they need to recognise potential threats to their wellbeing and that of others, potential harm and how to stay safe from it or report it

Our staff are aware that it is their responsibility to be alert to the signs of abuse and to follow the procedures as set out in the school's Child Protection Policy, reviewed in line with updates to the most recently published Keeping Children Safe in Education and Working Together to Safeguard Children legislation*

* Any legislative amendments which need to be included in our policies will be undertaken, ahead of the next review period.

The staff at Whaddon C of E School are aware that the culture in our school is ***“It is happening here, I just don’t know about it yet. Do I know what to do to prevent further harm when a disclosure is made?”***

With this in mind, all staff complete yearly Child Protection training provided by the Local Authority and have key contextual safeguarding agenda area training provided throughout the programme of planned CPD for the school e.g: FGM, county lines, Prevent, Child on Child violence, online safety, modern slavery and exploitation in its varied forms.

The role of the school, in situations where there are child protection concerns, is not to investigate but to recognise and refer, working collaboratively with multi-agency partners, in the best interests of the child.